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MONDAY EVENING.

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TWO CENTS.

Terrific Explosion in Business District of New York.

Tarrant & Co.'s Wholesale Drug House Blown Up.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING.

One Hundred of the Firm's Employes Were Girls.

None Is Believed to Have Escaped From Building Alive.

LOSS OF LIFE IS ESTIMATED

The Shock Is Felt as Far as Wall Street, Blocks Away.

Fire Follows, and Elevated Railway Station is Destroyed.

The Property Destroyed Includes Nearly an Entire Block.

New York, Oct. 29.—About half past 12 fell downward. It took the roof off the building and he could hear the cries and screams of injured people. Three minutes later the third explosion, which is today lower New York was startled by a booming sound which it developed was an explosion in the building occu-pled by Tarrant & Co., wholesale drug-debris fell about him.

demolished by the concussion, and houses across the street were probably damaged. Calls were sent for ambu-

Five alarms of fire were turned in At 1 o'clock it was said that there were fully 150 persons in the building at the time of the first explosion and few It was only an instant after the first explosion.

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It was said that 100 of the employes in the building were girls. They were on different floors when the fire broke out and the explosions occurred. It is hard to see how these girls could have escaped. In a restaurant next door to the drug store there were about 200 people eating their luncheon. Of these many were injured and it is reported that a score or more of them lost their lives. Up to 12:45 p. m., eleven injured people estations were called out. The first explosions and fire, said that the subject is explosions and fire, said that hought have been of the explosions and fire, said that hought floor the seeme of the explosions and fire, said that hought floor that the was lifted clear from the score or more of them lost their lives. Up to 12:45 p. m., eleven injured people explosions and fire, said that hought for some times to come. John Weigand, who keeps a store at \$1 Park Place, three blocks from the score of the explosions and fire, said that hought for some times to come. John Weigand, who keeps a store at \$1 Park Place, three blocks from the score of the explosions and fire, said that hought floor that the was lifted clear from the score were of the concussion.

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Brooklyn were also injured.

The employes in the elevated railroad
station got out before the explosion occurred. At 12:50 p. m., two explosions
occurred in the building occupied by J.
H. Mohleman & Co., grocers, in Greenwich street. The entire block on Washington street, from numbers 253 to 253
was burning at 1:15 o'clock. Soon after
the fire seemed to be giving way to the
efforts of the firemen and the lower half
of the block below Warren street seemed
in a fair way to be saved from destruction. At that time if was not possible
to tell if any of the firemen were missing. There was a report that Assistant
Chief Kruger and 15 men of No. 10
truck were missing. The firemen were so
busy and the confusion was such that
nothing certain could be learned.

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The streets for several blocks were strewn with broken glass and other debris and blood was spattered in every direction, showing that there must have been many persons in the vicinity at the time who were injured by falling glass.

From an unofficial source it was said that the fire started on the third floor of the building, which was a four-story structure. Immediately a column of white smoke shot up through the roof. This column of smoke was followed by an explosion which shook the entire building, lifting the roof completely off and tearing away part of the front wall. Nobody up to this time has been found who saw any of the employes leave the building. The force of the explosions shook the very foundations of the buildings in the vicinity, and was felt clear down to Wall street, where it was thought that another earthquake had occurred. SPATTERED WITH BLOOD.

The first alarm of fire was carried into an engine house close to the building where it started. Fire Captain Devanny, who was in command, and his men hurried out and coupled their hose to the hydrant under the elevated structure and alongside the building which was on fire. The minute he saw what sort of a fire it was he turned in a second alarm. Then came the explosion. The firemen saw the building coming down, and fled for their lives. Four were injured. The engineer, Rockberry, was seriously hurt. So was Captain Devanny. Both were taken to a hospital. Firemen Brown and Dillon were also injured. The engine had to be abandoned. Captain Devanny's successors sent in a third alarm and them a fourth and a general call for ambulances. The engines were then ordered from half a dozen or more stations. The first alarm of fire was carried into

A girl employed near the Tarrant building declared that the girls were at their luncheons on one of the upper floors. She knew they could not have escaped.

DESCRIBED BY EYE WITNESS. The Itev. Martin Luther, of the Wil-son memorial chapel, who was within shock the building where he was and debts fell about him.

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plate glass windows were smashed and people thrown to the street a distance of four blocks.

The employes of the Irving National bank, whose building stands directly across the street from Tarrant's place, were busily engaged at their desks at the time of the explosion. The first of the explosion. The first of the explosion of

the explosions came and not a clerk or official of the bank but who was thrown to the floor by the force of the concussion.

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avenue elevated railrond directly in the savenue elevated railrond directly in the savenue elevated railrond directly in the savenue of the drug establishment was completely demolished and a number of persons who were standing upon it was carried away.

SOME ESCAPED.

Joseph Beck, an employe of Tarrant & SOME each and a number of persons who were standing upon it was seen after the explosion. His street and received serious injury. A number of women escaped from the station, however, by walking along the plank planterm at the edge of the track.

BUILDING BLOWN DOWN.

Several buildings at the rear of the drug store were blown down. The flames apread with wonderful rapidity, until the two blocks from Chambers to Warren and from Washington to Greenwich state. He said Tarrant & Co., carried a large stock. There was also a quantity of aligned at the time the first estarted, he said as as formed and other explosion. He saids as a storage warehouse by R. W. Phair & Co., who manufacture a patent when if way from the explosion. He says the force of the first explosion. He says the force of the first explosion. He says the force of the first explosion, as delayed from the explosion. He says the force of the first explosion, the cashler of the Irving and the column of debris spread and

Antonio Massa, legs crushed.
James Donnison, cashler of the Irving National bank, cut about face, injured in the back.
E. I. Ackerman, messenger at Irving National bank, cut about face and Estimates For Rivers and Harbands

National bank, cut about face and hands.

Michael Schneidfer (in Terrant building), cut about face and hands.

Cornelius Donavan, arm cut and crushed; was in building.

Frank Case, face, hands and arms cut.

Joseph Brunner, (in building), injured face, hands and head; will die.

Otto Kindler, cut by flying glass.

Wm. T. Tennison, Irving National bank, cut by failing glass.

Henry Parkey, cut about head, face and body.

Wm. A. Corbett, hurt in Irving bank by failing glass.

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Policeman M. R. Kelly, burned about hands, feet and legs while rescuing peo-ple at 286 Greenwich street.
Joseph Maskey, burned about hands and face.
Design Carmody, legs crushed.

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Joseph Ferrin, cut on hands and head.
John L. Allen, Jr., cut about head, arms and body.
Mortimer Jones, burned about head and face. Madolina Hannan, cut about face and

Frank Lang, burned about arms and body.

Joseph Dufrin, cut about head.

Frank Schuman, cut about the head.

Joseph Miller, cut about the head.

Andrew Sico, burned about arms and body.

Lena Douglas, burned about face and hands.

Moses Abraham, cut on head,

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Frank Brown, cut on head,
Joseph Mulkern, cut about arms,
Joseph Daken, a waiter in the Homemade hotel, 234 Greenwich street, badly
burned and cut about the face, arms,
hands and entire body; condition critical.
Mrs. Bishop and two daughters, wife
and children of a hotel proprietor, are
missing. It is believed they were killed,
At 3:15 the fire was still burning, but
at that time it was believed to be under
control.

TOLD IN DETAIL.

The Property Destroyed Included Nearly an Entire Block.

New York, Oct. 29 .- One of the most New York, Oct. 29.—One of the most destructive explosions in the history of this city occurred a little after noon today, in the building occupled by Tarrant & Co., wholesale druggists at Greenwich and Warren streets. The force of the explosion wrecked adjoining buildings and the Irving bank across the street. The station of the Ninth Avenue Elevated Railway company at Warren street was badly damaged and the road was blocked so that it will be impossible to resume traffic for some hours. The police report that a number of people lost their lives in the explosion but up to 3 o'clock no dead bodies had been recovered from the ruined buildings and it was impossible at that time to make anything like an accurate estimate of the number of lives lost. A great many injured were taken to the nearest hospitals. The building was on fire about five minutes before the first explosion occurred and there were a number of firemen near it when the walls blew out and it is feared some of these were killed. The reports as to the occupants of the building including about 125 working girls are conflicting but it is believed that the greater number of them escaped.

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T. M. Coghian, entployed by the firm of W. O. Sexton & Co., said he saw two men and a woman on the top floor of the Tarrant building just after the fire broke out. They were frantically appealing for help. They were at the window when the building collapsed and fell back into the ruins. There is no doubt of their fate.

debris. Neither report could be confirm-

E. Franks, who is a bookkeeper for M. J. Breitenbach & Co., who were in E. Franks, who is a bookkeeper for M. J. Breitenbach & Co., who were in the Tarrant building, said that Thomas F. Main, president of Tarrant & Co., and secretary of the New York College of Pharmacy, and Mr. Allen, a member of the firm, were in the building, but escaped with slight injuries. He says that the majority of Tarrant & Co.'s employes also managed to get away.

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Wm. T. Temple, 58 years of age, a butter broker, was crossing the street at West Broadway and Chambers street, when he was run into by a runaway team of fire truck horses. He was knocked down and received serious injuries.

When Captain McCluskey, chief of the detective bureau, reached the scene of the disaster, he was asked by officials of the Irving bank to have his men watch the bank. They told him that their teller had seized the funds of the bank and thrown them into the vault, but that the vault was unlocked. As soon as it was safe Captain McCluskey put men on guard and they found the vaults open and that the clerks and tellers in their excitement had not put the funds in the vault. There was money scattered about everywhere. The funds were hastily gathered and thrown into the vault, which was then locked securely, curely.

YATES IS SICK.

Republican Candidate For Governor

of Illinois Cancels Dates. chicago, Oct. 29.—Judge Richard Tates. Republican candidate for governor of Illinois, was taken ill last evening in this city. The physician who was called to attend Mr. Yates said it would be impossible for his patient to attend any meeting today, but with carehe might be able to appear at the Hamilton club meeting in the Auditorium, where he is billed to speak tonight. "The Illness of Judge Yates is not serious," said the doctor. "He simply has a bad cold. If he is careful of himself for a few days and will take the rest that is absolutely necessary he will be

bors Made Up.

List of Places to Be Improved and the Cost.

DEFENSE OF COASTS.

Expense Will Be Augmented by New Possessions.

Porto Rico Alone Will Require \$1,800,000.

Washington, Oct. 29.-The important subject of coast defense is the one considered in the annual report of J. M. Wilson, chief of engineers. Generally speaking, he reports most gratifying progress in the efficution of the various projects during the last fiscal year. Because the report included the fiscal year only, the subject of the destruction of the Galveston defenses by the September hurricane is left for treatment in a

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Some of the points of interest treated by General Wilson are as follows: The torpedo system has been under careful study by expert officers in the light of the experience gained during the Spanish-American war, but so far only minor changes have been proposed. Up to the present thirty localities have been selected for defense on the coast. No formal projects were added to the list during the past year, but preliminary projects have been framed for the defense of the entrance to Chesapeake bay, and the defense of several other localities is under consideration. Attention has been given to the subject of coast defenses for Porto Rico and the Hawalian islands, and in view of the importance of these island possessions, General Wilson says active measures for their defense is deferred no longer.

A detailed project for the defense of the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, involves an estimated expenditure of \$1..\$00,000. Preliminary projects for Pearl harbor and Honolulu are also niready available and ready for execution as soon as congress shall appropriate the funds. The great changes in the character of guins and armor and ships since the Endicott board framed the coast defense plans now under execution have involved corresponding changes in those plans. The tendency toward reduction in the calibre of guns together with the adoption of a successful type of disappearing gun carriage for 12-inch guns, has rendered unnecessary the armor for forts originally planned, and now in use in Europe. There has been a reduction also in the number of mortars and a considerable strengthaning of the batteries of secondary guns owing to the development of the rapid-fire type, almost unknown at the time the Endicott board made its plans. These changes have resulted in marked economies, without sacrifice of the strength of the defenses and they will be continued.

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The war with Spain had the effect of hastening the work on the coast defenses and now ten years after the work began in earnest the chief engineer is able to report that 50 per cent of the work is complete. Twenty-five of the principal harbors of the United States now have a sufficient number of heavy guns back into the ruins. There is no doubt of their fate.

At 3 o'clock rumors concerning the loss of life were many and various but none of them could be verified. At that time it was reported that Lena Spritt, one of Tarrant's employes was killed in the street by falling brick and that Paying Teller Duniap of the Irving bank, had been killed in the street by falling the street by falling the street by falling projects contemplate the mounting of about 480 guns for seacoast defense, of \$50 00,000. Up to the present time provision has been made for the emplacement of 309 heavy guns, 368 rapid fire guns and 372 morturs. The armament of the present of the projects contemplate the mounting of about 480 guns for seacoast defense, of \$50 00,000. Up to the present of \$50,000. Up to the present of the provision has been made for the emplacement of 309 heavy guns, 368 rapid fire guns and 372 morturs. The armament of them could be verified. fire guns and 372 mortars. The arma-ment placed during the war in tempo-rary emplacements will be transferred in ime to permanent works, but the

potary works will be held in reserve for an emergency.

Attention is invited to the urgent need for an increase of the artillery arm of the service, which is now too small to take care of the costly and complex de-

onse works. During the past year negotiations have

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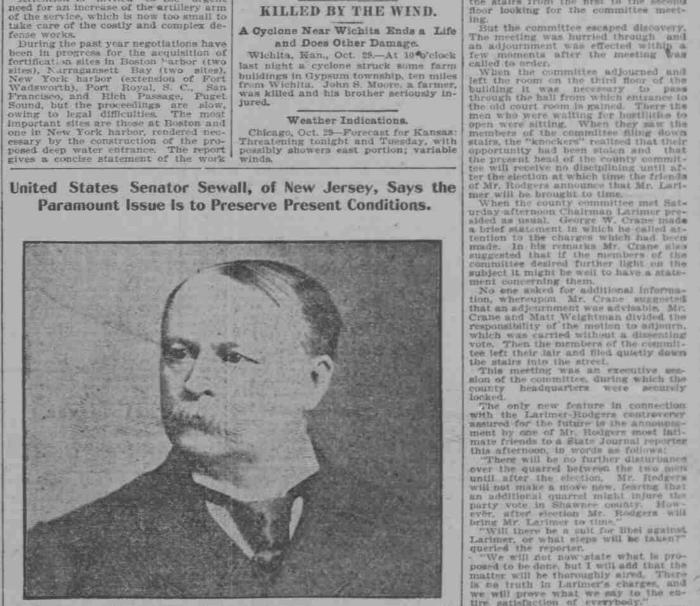
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The estimates under the Mississippi river
commission are \$3,300,000 and include the
following:
Harbor at New Orleans 200,000
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for the English system and \$831,337 for the American system of filtration of the water supply of the national capital. Another item is \$380,000 for improve-ments in the Yellowstone National park.

KILLED BY THE WIND.

United States Senator Sewall, of New Jersey, Says the Paramount Issue Is to Preserve Present Conditions.



United States Senator William J. Sewell of New Jersey announces himself unqualifiedly in favor of McKinley's re-election. He declares our prosperity dependent upon the tariff, monometallism, expansion and commercial combinations, and characterizes the Democratic objections to those bulwarks of Republicanism as so many bugabots. Senator Sewell openly accuses Cel. Bryan of responsibility for our losses in the Philippines.

A Majority of Colleries In Hazleton District

Resume Operations With Full Force of Men.

OTHERS STILL CLOSED

Some Companies Have Not Yet Posted Notices.

In Other Cases Complete Understanding Not Reached.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 29.-Operations were resumed this morning at a mafority of the collieries in the Hanleton district, and they will be continued in full blast for the next two months. The strike is still on at the mines of the Lehigh and Wilkesburre Coal company, located at Audenreid, Honeybrook and Green mountain. One of the officials of the company said this morning that the company had luformed the men that it would abolish the sliding scale and agree to pay the 10 per the men that it would absolute the integrated and agree to pay the 10 per cent. increase until April 1, and they did not know why they refused to report. The mine workers chim that they want a written guarantee in this re-

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The Oneida and Deringer collieries of Cox Eros. & Co. are also idle because of Some misunderstanding on account of the notices pested by the company. All hands will probably be at work tomorrow. The only other coillery that did not resume is the one at Milnesville, where no demands have been granted at all. Before the strike began this company threatened to abandon this mine, and it seems the threat will be carried out. About 100 strikers found themselves out of work at the Latimer colliery of C. Purdee & Co. Twenty-five of these men, the firm claims, got their settlement in full when they guit and were no longer considered employes, so their places were filled by others this morning. The other 75 were sent home because of the abandoning of the Buck Mountain with by the firm, who say that operation of this part of the workings will be unproduble on account of the 15 per cent increase. The 50 men employed at Tyler & McTurk's Stockton washery refused to work because they allege they were offered only a 5 per cent, increase in wages, instead of 10, which they expected.

A. Pardee & Co. having filled the places of six "lokic" runners, the mineral refused to go back to work at Cranberry until their runners were retustated, and in consequence the colliery is idle. Centeral Superintendent Fardee received a committee of the men and has the matter of reinstatement under consideration.

KICKERS DISAPPOINTED

Republican County Central Committee Dodges the Crowd.

The threatened row in the Republican county central committee was averted Saturday afternoon by the members of the committee who quietly retired to a secluded room near the roof of the old

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10,000 the committee who questly retired to a secluded room near the roof of the old court house, giving the crowd of Republicans who were looking for a chance to get after Mr. Larimer, the "silp."

There were frequent mutterings of discontent among some of the old seldiers who were present waiting the arrival of the committee in the old court room. But the committee hever came. The members by one, twos and three went quietly up to the room which was constructed from the sid gallery in the court house and there hald the meeting.

In the meantime the men who were looking around in the hope of flading an opportunity to make an effort to sustain aproved it park.

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But the committee escaped discovery,

the stairs into the street.

This meeting was an executive seasion of the committee, during which the county headquarters were securely locked.

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The only new feature in connection with the Larimer-Rodgers controverer assured for the future is the announcement by one of Mr. Hodgers most influent friends to a State Journal reporter this afternoon, in words as follows:

"There will be no further disturbance over the quarrel between the two menuality after the election, Mr. Rodgers will not make a move now, fearing that an additional quarrel might injure the party vote in Shawnee county. However, after election Mr. Rodgers will bring Mr. Larimer to time."

"Will there he a suit for linei against Larimer, or what steps will be taken?" queried the reporter.

"We will not now state what is proposed to be done, but I will add that the matter will be thoroughly sired. There is no truth in Larimer's charges, and we will prove what we say to the entire satisfaction of everybody."

"What will Larimer be doing? He claims he can prove the charges," anggested the reporter.

"Well, he can't. There's no truth in them, and we will show him up before we get through with this matter."